

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Regional Transportation Planning

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What is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission?

- u Created by California Legislature in 1970
- u Jurisdiction includes nine Bay Area counties
- u Policy board representation from each county, as specified in state statutes

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Bay Area Transportation Network



- u 1,400 miles of highways
- u 300 miles of carpool lanes
- u 19,600 miles of local streets and roads
- u Some 4,300 transit vehicles and 20 transit agencies
- u Eight toll bridges

MTC's Responsibilities Include:

- u Planning
- u Funding
- u Coordination
- u Operations
- u Advocacy



Regional Transportation Planning

- u State and Federal laws give MTC planning and funding authority for transportation
- u Process must be open and collaborative
 - u Involve a range of stakeholders
 - u Consult with Native American Tribes

Overview of Regional Transportation Planning

- u Projects identified to address transportation needs
- u Sponsors designated
 - u Tribal governments are eligible sponsors
- u Projects must be in long-range transportation plan to receive state and federal funds
- u Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prioritizes projects for funding over next 3 years

County Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs)

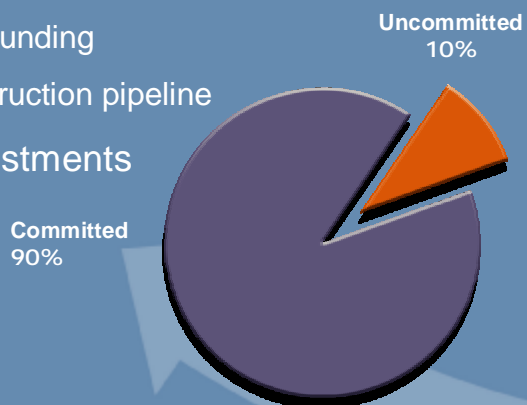
- u Partners in regional transportation planning and funding
- u Set local priorities that shape regional plans and programs

What Is Transportation 2030?

- u 25-year long-range plan covering 2005 – 2030
- u Guides transportation policies and investments in the nine-county region
- u Expenditures must match projected revenues
- u Projects must be in the plan to receive state or federal funds
- u Projects must be consistent with regional air quality guidelines
- u Updated every three years

Transportation 2030 Plan

- u 90% of expected revenues needed for
 - u Ongoing operations and maintenance of the existing system
 - u Voter approved funding
 - u Projects in construction pipeline
- u 10% for new investments



Why Should Tribes Be Interested?

- u Opportunity to assess Tribal needs
 - u Access to jobs, schools, healthcare, etc.
- u Review projects in the pipeline
 - u How do they impact Tribal interests?

Transportation 2030 Schedule

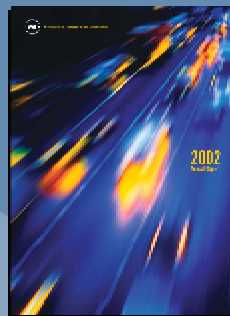
- u Phase 1: June – Dec. 2003
 - u Policy framework
 - u Collect initial project ideas
- u Phase 2: Jan. – Aug. 2004
 - u CMAs review local investment priorities
 - u Technical analysis
- u Phase 3: Sept. – Jan. 2005
 - u Draft Transportation 2030 Plan and environmental impact report

Opportunities for Partnership

- u Advocacy for Indian Reservation Roads Program
 - u Increased funding
 - u Equitable distribution formula for California tribes
- u Targeted Funding Programs
 - u Federal transit grants (Sections 5310 & 5311)
 - u MTC's Low Income Flexible Transportation (LIFT) grants
- u Partner With Tribes for State & Federal Grants

Key Information Resources

- u *Citizens Guide to MTC*
- u *2001 Regional Transportation Plan*
- u MTC Website: www.mtc.ca.gov
- u MTC Library (510.464.7836)
- u *Transactions* newsletter
- u *MTC Annual Report*



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§ Visit the MTC Web site to learn more about the Metropolitan Transportation Commission